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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

FARGO, N.D. November 8, 2019 - Based on November 1 conditions, North Dakota's 2019 **soybean** production is forecast at 183 million bushels, down 23 percent from last year according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Area for harvest, at 5.55 million acres, is 19 percent below 2018. Yield is forecast at 33 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from last year.

Corn production is forecast at 470 million bushels, up 5 percent from last year's production. Area to be harvested for grain, at 3.31 million acres, is up 13 percent from a year ago. Yield is forecast at 142 bushels per acre, down 11 bushels from last year.

Sugarbeet production is forecast at 4.19 million tons, down 27 percent from last year. Area for harvest, at 149,000 acres, is down 25 percent from 2018. Yield is forecast at 28.1 tons per acre, down 0.7 ton from last year.

Potato production is forecast at 20.9 million cwt, down 12 percent from last year. Planted acres, at 73,000 acres, tying the record low set in 1951, were down 1,500 acres from 2018. Acres harvested are estimated at 59,000 acres, down 14,000 acres from 2018. Yield is estimated at a record high 355 cwt per acre, up 30 cwt from last year.

Other spring wheat production for 2019 is estimated at 292 million bushels, down 8 percent from last year, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The 2019 area harvested for grain, at 5.95 million acres, is down 8 percent from 2018. Yield, at 49 bushels per acre, ties the record high set last year.

Durum wheat production is estimated at 25.5 million bushels, down 40 percent from 2018. Harvested acres, at a record low 600,000, are down 44 percent from last year. A record yield of 42.5 bushels per acre is up 3 bushels from 2018.

Barley production is estimated at 32.0 million bushels, up 12 percent from 2018. Area harvested for grain, at 445,000 acres, is up 16 percent from last year. Average yield is 72 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from last year.

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Oat production is estimated at 9.89 million bushels, up 15 percent from 2018. Area harvested for grain, at 115,000 acres, is up 10 percent from last year. Yield, at a record 86 bushels per acre, is up 4 bushels per acre from last year.

Special Note

Survey respondents who reported barley, oats, Durum wheat, and other spring wheat acreage as not yet harvested during the surveys conducted in preparation of the *Small Grains 2019 Summary*, released September 30, 2019, were re-contacted in late October to determine how many of these acres were actually harvested and record the actual production from those acres. Based on this updated information, several changes were made to the estimates previously published in the *Small Grains 2019 Summary*. Unharvested production is a component of onfarm stocks, therefore, changes were made to the September 1 on-farm stocks levels comparable with the production adjustments.

As a result of snowfall during the first part of October, NASS collected harvested acreage for this report for corn and soybean. Based on the reported data no changes to harvested acreage were made this month in North Dakota. Harvested acreage for sugarbeets were also reviewed and substantial changes were made.

As is done every year in November, planted and harvested acreage estimates were reviewed for potatoes and updated as needed based on all available data, including the latest certified acreage data from the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

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